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SUBJECT: SOVIET RESPONSE ON MARCH 17 INCIDENT IN

SOUTH CORRIDOR

REF: USBERLIN 548

1. SOVIET CHIEF BASC CONTROLLER DELIVERED ORAL
STATEMENT APRIL 1 TO THREE WESTERN CHIEF CONTROLLERS IN
RESPONSE TO ALLIED STATEMENT OF MARCH 19. US TRANSLATIONS
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT IN RESPONSE TO YOUR STATEMENT OF 19 MARCH 1975,
I AM AUTHORIZED TO INFORM YOU THAT AT THE INDICATED TIME
A SOVIET AIRCRAFT DID FLY IN THE SOUTH CORRIDOR AND
ACCOMPANIED A BOEING 727 FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

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THE FLIGHT OF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT WAS PLANNED BY
THE COMMAND WITH THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE ACTUAL AIR

SITUATION IN THE SOUTH CORRIDOR UNDER STRICT RADAR CONTROL ON THE PART OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, IN VISUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE FLIGHT OF THE BOEING 727. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET RESPONSE DOES NOT STRIKE US AS PARTICULARLY SATISFACTORY (AND US CHIEF CONTROLLER SO INDICATED INFORMALLY TO SOVIET COUNTERPART) SINCE SOVIETS, WHILE ADMITTING INVOLVEMENT AND NOT INSERTING THEIR USUAL FORMULATION "NO DANGEROUS SITUATION WAS RECORDED," APPEAR TO ASSERT THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO CLARIFY FLIGHT SITUATIONS BY DIRECT ACTION IN CORRIDOR RATHER THAN BY SUBMITTING QUERY IN BASC. SOVIET CHIEF WAS UNABLE TO EXPAND ON WHAT "CLARIFYING THE ACTUAL AIR SITUATION" MEANT. US CHIEF NOTED THAT FACT THAT SOVIET AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER CONTROL MAKES INCIDENT EVEN LESS EXCUSABLE AND THAT THERE WAS NO VALID REASON FOR THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT TO BE AT SUCH PROXIMITY TO PAN AM FLIGHT. WE HAVE LEFT OUR MARKER, HOWEVER, AND DO NOT BELIEVE ANYTHING USEFUL WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONTINUING EXCHANGE. END COMMENT.

3. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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